



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application of:

Art Unit: 3683

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Examiner: BUTLER, Douglas C.

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For: DAMPING DEVICE

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.111**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, the undersigned respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of record in light of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** – no amendments to the specification are sought herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.